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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re BANC OF CALIFORNIA
 SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No.: 8:17-cv-00118-DMG (DFMx)

CLASS ACTION

This Document Relates To:

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**DECLARATION OF STEVEN
 SUGARMAN**

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I, Steven Sugarman, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am currently, and all relevant times been over the age of 18 years old.
 The facts set forth below are based on my personal knowledge and if properly called
 to testify as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

Abiding By the Protective Order

2. On or around February 22, 2019, Charles Lee issued a report regarding
 his opinion as to what caused the stock price to decline on October 18, 2016 when

1 the SeekingAlpha.com website published a blog post about Banc of California (“Lee
2 Report”).

3 3. I have searched for all copies of the Lee Report in my possession,
4 including hard copies, electronic copies, and any summaries thereof. Pursuant to
5 Section IX, I have destroyed any copies of the Lee Report in my possession and
6 affirm that no copies, abstracts, compilation, summaries, or any other format
7 reproducing or capturing the Lee Report are in my possession.

8 4. Pursuant to Section VI of the Protective Order, I, through my counsel,
9 notified any third parties who *may* have received a copy of the Lee Report. Out of an
10 abundance of caution, I have notified all persons identified by Adam Levine as
11 having *potentially* received the Lee Report. I have requested that any third parties
12 who received the Lee Report execute the Agreement to Be Bound by the Protective
13 Order (Exhibit A) as well as destroy any copies they may have received.

14 5. I, through my counsel, made best efforts to follow up with said third
15 parties in the event a response was not received.

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17 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the
18 foregoing is true and correct.

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21 Executed on December 6, 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

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23 Signed by:
24 Steven Sugarman
25 Steven Sugarman
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